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The State Early Childhood Comprehensive Steering Committee has been continuing to work on the Strategic Plan for California. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2005 in Sacramento. At that time, the plan is to complete the draft goals, objectives and activities. They will then be shared with the public.

The SECCS Project was presented to the Infant Development Association conference in Los Angeles on April 21, 2005.

Several California SECCS staff traveled to Florida in April to attend the American Academy of Pediatrics Conference for Pediatric Advocates in Early Education and Child Care. The focus of the conference was: Building health and child care partnerships, Improving child health, promoting development and learning, achieving high quality early education and child care through advocacy and health promotion and Quality training sessions for pediatricians and their early childhood colleagues. Dr. Abbey Alkon shared the successes of California's Child Care Health Program.

David Lawrence of Miami, Florida gave a compelling keynote address at the conference. One of his many profound quotes was: "I remind you of the words of the great psychiatrist Karl Menninger, who told us a half-century ago: "What we do to children, they will do to society." Let us remember that...and remember that you and I hold the key to the future of our communities. The children we help – and their families, too -- will do much for a better world...if only we do right by them -- and their parents -- in their first few years. "

One-e-App Launched - Speeding Implementation of Web-based Enrollment System for California's Public Programs

The California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) and The California Endowment announced establishment of a new statewide One-e-App Program Office. One-e-App is an innovative Web-based system that provides a streamlined and efficient one-stop approach to enrollment in a range of public sector health programs.

One-e-App's streamlines the enrollment process for county staff and administrators by collecting data from a family once, instead of three or more times. Information is then transmitted electronically instead of by mail. Counties and their community-based partners that implement One-e-App use the system to screen and enroll individuals and families in programs such as Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and local indigent care and health insurance expansion programs.

Currently, One-e-App operates in three pilot counties: San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz. Alameda County will begin piloting the system later this spring.

For further information, go to www.oneeapp.org

THIS MONTH, THE EXCITING PROJECT TO HIGHLIGHT, IS TAKING PLACE IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA. CALLED **HEALTHY STEPS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**, THIS IS AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN THAT SUPPORTS MOTHERS AND FATHERS IN THEIR ROLE AS NURTURERS OF THE EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH OF THEIR CHILDREN. ONE OF THE FEATURES IS TO TRAIN YOUNG PHYSICIANS IN THE BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH TO EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH CARE. THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER (CHC) AT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER SERVES AS THE HOME BASE AND SEES NEARLY 9000 PATIENTS ANNUALLY. TYPICALLY, THE WORK WITH THE FAMILY BEGINS AFTER 35 WEEKS GESTATION AND INCLUDES HOME VISITS, A CHILD DEVELOPMENT TELEPHONE INFORMATION LINE, PARENT GROUPS AND A "REACH OUT AND READ" PROGRAM.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE HEALTHY STEPS DEVELOPMENTAL TRAINING FOR RESIDENTS INCLUDE:

- IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN NORMAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- ENHANCED ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE TRAINING, INCLUDING INJURY PREVENTION AND TOBACCO PREVENTION
- GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE PSYCHOSOCIAL CONTEXT GREATLY INFLUENCES HEALTH FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
- IMPORTANCE OF ATTACHMENT AND BONDING BETWEEN BABIES AND THEIR MOTHERS, FATHERS AND OTHER PRIMARY CAREGIVERS
- PROMOTION OF EARLY LITERACY AS TAUGHT AS CENTRAL TO THE PEDIATRIC TASK OF PRESCHOOL READINESS

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